



# Health Alert Network Message 20-16: COVID-19 Is A Reportable Disease in Louisiana and Update on Clinical Guidance for Return to Normal Activity Following A Suspected Or Confirmed Case

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**COVID-19 is a Reportable Disease in Louisiana. Update on Clinical Guidance for Return to Normal Activity Following Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19, and Resources for Clinicians seeking COVID-19 Testing Supplies  
3/17/2020:**

1. **Reminder: COVID-19 is a reportable disease in Louisiana**
  - The reporting of all COVID-19 cases is mandatory for all Louisiana healthcare providers.
  - All laboratory tests for COVID-19, whether positive or negative, are reportable to the State within 24 hours of test result.
  
1. **Updated clinical guidance to return to normal activity after being in isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID-19**
  - Please use the following updated symptom-based strategy to return to normal activity following a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19: Continue isolation until:
    - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**,
    - At least 7 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*

1. **Please see attached updated printable guidance for patients which includes this discontinuation from isolation information.**
  
1. **Providers seeking assistance with COVID-19 testing materials**
  - Providers with questions about obtaining Viral or Universal Transport (VTM/UTM) media to conduct COVID-19 testing can call 1-(888) INFO-FDA for live support with supply chain questions.